

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

##### Meetings:

- A. In October the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) reviewed spiny dogfish specifications for 2020 and made no changes to the previously recommended ABC of 31.1 million pounds. This ABC results in a commercial quota of 23.2 million pounds, a 13% increase compared to the 2019 quota.
- B. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) also reviewed the 2020 specifications and made no changes. The ASMFC did approve an addendum to facilitate additional quota trading among states and regions. The ASMFC has also been having discussions about spiny dogfish trip limits. There is currently no action proposed for 2020 by the MAFMC regarding spiny dogfish trip limits, largely based on the limited and mixed input regarding trip limits provided either during the MAFMC's specifications process or the ASMFC's addendum hearings. The ASMFC is planning to continue informal discussions to determine if it wants to make a future recommendation to the Councils regarding federal spiny dogfish trip limits.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

No action required.

#### **III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Staff presentation (to be provided)
- 2. Memo to New England Fishery Management Council from Jason Didden MAFMC Staff re 2020 Spiny Dogfish Specifications (Nov. 18, 2019)